

John Morgan, our Quaker friend, was discharged from the CPS and his studying for a BS in Art Education at Temple U., and Tyler School of fine Arts, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Two evenings a week he teaches art at the Post Hobby Shop, at Fort Dix, New Jersey to soldiers and WACS.

Captain Don R. Hershberger, Vet of World Wars 1 and 2, who saw action in the Pacific, has been discharged. Before returning to Fairhope, he visited the East and his son, Richard, who is attending school in Washington, Pa.

S/Sgt. Robert L. Astrella, having served as a photo laboratory tech with a photo squadron in Europe since 1943, was discharged and returned to Fairhope during mid October. His wife, whom he married in England several months ago, is in Ireland awaiting transportation to her new home.

S/Sgt. Roy E. Lloyd received his discharge from the Army Air Force. He served overseas for 8 months with the 15th Air Force as an aerial gunner, winning the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters, six Battle Stars, a Unit Citation, and a Good Conduct Medal. Roy's home is in Fairhope.

Lt. Malcolm Campbell is another Fairhopean discharged from the Air Force. He has been in the service for over two years. He, like his brothers, is a Folk Festival vet.

S/Sgt. Arthur Damick, vet of the So. Pacific and a few months of malaria, in the service for over three years, was discharged during the last of October. Just prior to his discharge while Sgt. Damick was enjoying a furlough, the army sent him a telegram to report for duty to Kansas. Upon arriving there, he was told to go to Camp Grant to get his walking papers. He wasted no time in changing over to a civvie outfit.

Sgt. Stanley Gembica is as happy as a lark with his civilianhood. For about two years, "Stasiu" was stationed in Brazil with the Army Air Force at the Base Weather Station. He spent the past summer with the Lincoln AAF at Lincoln, Nebraska. Stanley's brother, Sgt. Eddie, is at Hickam Field, Hawaii, while his brother, Wally, is in Shanghai, China.

M/Sgt. William Stuersel, vet of the Attu invasion and of the Western front where he participated in the battles of Normandy, Bastogne, and in the crossing of the Rhine, is the proud wearer of a "homing pigeon." He was discharged from Camp Grant during October. After visiting a while with his folks in Fairhope, he left for California. Willie was in the Army four years.

The Sienkiewicz brothers are home. S/Sgt. Stanley was discharged from Muroc, Calif., where he taught blind flying, and Sgt. Alfred was discharged from Sarasota, Fla., where he was "keeper of the Gates." Stanley was in the service three years, seven months, and three days, whereas brother Al served three years, seven months, and thirteen days. Stanley received his training in Scott Field, Miami, and was sent to the CBI Theatre of War, from where he participated in the first bombing over Japan proper. Besides the DFC, he has many other medals to his credit. Alfred was in the South Pacific and Hawaii. He was with the 7th Air Force. He suffered a hip injury and was hospitalized for several months. When pronounced well, he was sent to Sarasota, Fla., and was made a Guard. The brothers were inducted a few days apart and discharged a few days apart.

After Cpl. Steve Baran was released from the Vaughn General Hospital the first of last month, he also was discharged from the Army. He was confined with a punctured ear drum as a result of the Okinawa battle. He first served in the Western European theatre of war.

While on his way to the Pacific theatre, he married Nora Skamrak, a former LYS'r. His first public act as a civvie was the attending of Naujienos concert.

## FAIRHOPE ...

Mrs. L. K. Riggs returned to Fairhope from New Brunswick, N. J., where she spent the entire summer. While there, she attended the Pope Pius X School of Music in New York. Mrs. Riggs is this year's president of Fairhope's Music Club, and a busy season is awaiting her.

Robert Curtis, Fairhopean, and vet of the Italian and African campaigns, was married to Miss Helen Marjama of Chicago. During the campaigns, he was wounded, and as a result was hospitalized for many months in the states. Bob is now in Chicago, where he is employed as a dental technician in a dental laboratory.

Lucian Horton Crane, who was with the 18th Weather Sq. in England for several years, was in Fairhope for a few days visit and stayed with the Tottens, his second home. Horton was an instructor at the Organic before the war.

All Organics and Fairhopeans are greatly grieved with the death of Prof. S. W. Alexander, foremost and beloved citizen of Fairhope, and principal of the School of Organic Education. Mr. Alexander was the pal and "father confessor" to the High School lads to whom they turned with their problems and troubles. His passing is a great loss to the school and Fairhope. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander were taken ill with Brills fever and were rushed to Bayview Infirmary in Fairhope where Prof. Alexander died at 7:00 A.M. on November first. Mrs. Alexander has recovered. Eternal rest to Mr. Alexander, a great man and a well loved gentleman. Funeral services were held on Friday, November second, at the Methodist Church, with practically all of Fairhope in attendance. The body was sent to McKinzie, Tennessee, where Prof. Alexander lived until 1913. I extend my heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Alexander.

Another death in that part of the country which grieved me greatly, was that of Marion Hudson at the age of 20. She died of T.B. of the throat at Cottage Hill, Alabama. Marion was a very beautiful girl, and as well as any person can be. My deepest sympathy to Elizabeth and the Hudson family of Mobile.

## NORTH DAKOTA

A very successful State Convention of Field Workers and County Leaders of the Farmers Union, was held at Bismark. They reviewed some of the dances I taught them a month earlier and were "thinking of me" .... Ellen Stenson discovered it was cold in N.D., when her tire had a blow-out and she was all alone in the wide open spaces. She also found out that she still can't change a tire. Two passing men saved the day for her. Have Lyle in your company and your worries will be over .... The Evansons are happy to have Chuck home and discharged from the army. He was in England and came back heavily decorated .... Stanley Moore, formerly with the 20th Air Force, stopped off in Denver, Colorado, for a short visit with his aunt, Mrs. Edwards, before proceeding to California to receive his discharge.

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## CHICAGO

Jackie McNamara and Janie Matecunas went on a double date with Vets who were friends of Janie's girl friend. They all proved to be plenty wide eyed, for the dates were something to brag about, real wonderful dates. Perhaps it is love that is blind, not dates. The other halves of the double dates were Hub Cummings and Paul Fanning and the place was the Trianon Ball Room. Jackie, by the way, is painting her own original Xmas cards in oils. Remember me, Jackie.

George "Poison Ivy" Bray, came in to Chicago to visit yours truly and we had a very "Educational" day. We walked through the Chicago U. grounds, visited the Chapels, Library, Oriental Museum, Museum of Science and Industry, the Japanese Gardens (all in my neighborhood), and we closed the day by seeing a French produced movie of Edgar Allen Poe's "The Fall of the House of Usher", at a private showing in the home of Jack and Georgea Worth for their International Club. After the movie, Paul Miller, Editor of the Esquire Jazz Book, discussed "The Esthetics of Hot Jazz" and for two hours, recordings of "classic" Jazz and Blues were played. I learned so many new things about jazz, that it was like a revelation. The Worths are continuing the Park House tradition of the Nobels at the International Club which is the present meeting place of the Intellegencia.

Our noted Organist, Burton Lawrence, won a prize in a "Septanell" poetry contest sponsored by the Wildfire Magazine for his poem "Invocation" .... Irene Scourtes is teaching dancing at the main Service Men's Center on Washington Street, Downtown .... Percy Kempinski Pazik and little daughter moved back to Chicago and is awaiting her hubby's discharge from the Army.

A fire damaged completely the building where Rueben Geofriere lived, at a time when he was on tour. Severely damaged was also the next door building where Mike Carlisle and Ann Nelson live. While in far off Ft. Smith, Ark. the home of our friend Mrs. Fink was also greatly damaged and many valuable objects d'art were destroyed.

Oct. 22, was a day of rediscovery of old friends. It started in early morning. While on my way to the Printers, I met Jerry Bures at 35th and Halsted. Jerry is foremost among Czech male folk dancers and attends all important "Chesk" events where folk dancing is done. He also has an important government job. On my way back, I met Andy Mikashis on the street car. I haven't seen him in eight years. He was one of the early folk dancers in our LYS group and for many years the only boy. Now, he is quite a man! Happily married for six years to the former Florence Daus, he has a beautiful son and his own home. Many of our gang will be as surprised to hear about him as I was to see him .... In the evening I was out for supper with a second-cousin of mine, whom I last saw with Kazy, four years earlier in St. Paul. It was the first time I met her husband, Archer, and their two children. The biggest surprise, tho, was when I discovered that Mr. and Mrs. Henrique Hernandez (nee-Betty Kuchara), former pupils and old friends of mine, lived across the hallway in the same building. We had a grand evening recalling the happy times had together at Henry Boothe house, Mark White Square, etc. Betty and Henry have two lovely children and still do a great deal of Mexican and Latin American dancing. For old times sake we reviewed some of the old dances, the Jarabe Tapatio, Sandunga, Las Espuelas, Chiapanecas, and so on. Some of our old friends asked about Betty and I'm happy to relate that she looks splendid and is very happily married.

Patsie and Jackie McNamar prepared "tea and crumpets" for Bill Saxton, Gene Wierbach, Irv Lev, yours truly, Jane Matecunas, Kazy and Lil, at the McNamara home. From there we went to the Intenational Club where we saw a private showing of "A Day In Berlin" B. D. (before destruction), after which we heard recordings of Negro spirituals, and an explanation of their origin. The evening closed with folk dancing.

Gene Wierbach spent a couple of weeks visiting Chicago while on his way to Ft. Smith, Ark., where he plans to make his home. During his stay in Chicago, he received word from Los Angeles that his sister, Mary, and her husband, Frank Kupec, now on furlough from Okinawa, were also in Chicago with Frank's folks. He hadn't seen his sister in two years and had never met her husband, a Warrant Officer with the Marines. It was a happy surprise for Gene. Meanwhile, Gene indulged in the Czech culinary preparations which he enjoyed very much. Frank's family is of Czech background.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Boyd came in from Collinsville, Ill., for a two day visit with his parents in Chicago. His experiences in Bastogne and his crossing the Rhine near Coblenz over the famous bridge which the Germans overlooked, were of great interest to me. If the people in General were acquainted with the horrors of war, perhaps that in itself, would be a good means of education to end war.

A wedding of Interest to LYS, International House and Northwestern, took place on Sunday, Nov. 11, at the beautiful and modernistic Polish church of St. Wenceslaus. Marriage vows were exchanged between our pal Richard Brzezinski and Helen Ann Walkowiecki. The Maid of Honor was her sister Julia, and the attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wilk, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Szalla. The men, including the bridegroom, wore "tails", and the ladies wore turquoise dresses with burgundy opera gloves and burgundy ostrich tips in their hair. The bride wore a beautiful brocade. The reception was held at the Wonderland Ballroom with an eight piece orchestra and a sumptuous feast. Those of our own crowd present, were; the Migon sisters (Nancy, Jean and Evelyn), Stanley Gniadek, Helen Machul Ryll (by the way, her husband, Captain Dennis is still in Germany) and Dean Saxton. To the newly weds Viltis extends sincerest congratulations.

Between the ceremony and reception, Dean and I spent a pleasant visit with Mr. and Mrs. Emil Zunker, son Tony and the grandmother Mrs. Kline.

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New York City

## AS FOR MYSELF ...

During the last month, I got to see many of my friends whom I haven't seen in four years. Many were on furlough, others were discharged, and others have just returned from overseas. I anticipate seeing many more of these old buddies of mine during the next month, as many expect to be in Chicago during this time. I'm happy to see them return alive and well.